**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Patent Application Transmittal** 

Patent Application

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventor: TIMOTHY ROY BLOCK, ROBERT MILLER and KISWANTO THAYIB

For: NODE SELF-START IN A DECENTRALIZED CLUSTER



18 sheets of specification and 1 abstract

5 sheets of drawings

A Declaration and Power of Attorney

An Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449

A certified copy of a \_\_\_ application

An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation, Armonk,

New York 10504 and Recordation form PTO-1595

The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

Other Than Small Entity

For:	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$740.00
Total Claims	23 -20 =	3	x \$18.00=	54.00
Indep. Claims	3 -3=	0	x \$84.00=	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$280.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL				\$794.00

**EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE** 

Express Mail Label No.:

EL041916105US

Date:

January 25, 2001

I hereby certify that the enclosed or attached paper is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on the above date, addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Gero G. McCleflan

Patent Application Transmittal

Attorney Docket No.: ROC920010309US1

 Deposit Account Authorization:

X Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920010309US1 in the amount of \$\_794.00.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 09-0465. A

duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1-25-02

Gero G. McClellan Registration No.: 44,227

IBM Corporation Intellectual Property Law, Dept. 917 3605 Highway 52 North Rochester, MN 55901-7829

(507) 253-4660 voice (507) 253-2382 fax